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More than just the field: star quarterback takes time out for youth. Please see B1.

Newsbriefs

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Auxier pleads guilty to rape charges

By AARON BAILEY
Community News Editor

Former Maryville High School teacher Vicki Auxier entered a plea of guilty to a felony charge of statutory rape Monday, in hopes of receiving probation in a suspended sentence.

After waiving her motion to remove Circuit Judge Roger Prokes from the case, Auxier, pleaded guilty to felony second-degree statutory rape, waiving her right to a trial by jury and a change of venue.

Charges stem from alleged



Vicki Auxier

Public Safety conducted a month-long investigation into whether Auxier had inappropriate relations with the male student, who was 16 at the time.

A probable cause statement

sexual acts between Auxier and the victim, now 17, during the summer of 2003. Earlier this year, Maryville

filed earlier this year stated Auxier had sexual intercourse multiple times with the minor. The investigation also concluded that Auxier admitted the relationship to Maryville High School officials.

During the hearing, Prokes addressed a conversation that took place between himself, special prosecutor Dwight Scroggins and defense attorney Robert Sundell in his chambers after Friday's hearing. Prokes indicated that he could consider probation instead of jail time for Auxier.

"I backed off and could live within the parameters of some sort

of probation," Prokes said during Monday's hearing.

The maximum penalty for second-degree felony statutory rape is seven years in prison and/or up to a \$5,000 fine. Under Missouri law, there is no mandatory sentence for the act.

Sentencing is scheduled for 2 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Nodaway County Courthouse, in which Sundell plans to convince the court of suspending the sentence

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PHOTO BY AARON BAILEY/COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

David Browning, Libertarian candidate for Attorney General (right), refers to the media coverage of the Libertarian Party, while Republican candidate Chris Byrd looks on. The two debated Tuesday in the Nodaway County Courthouse.

Candidates take on the issues at local forum

By STEPHANIE SUCKOW
Managing Editor

Although the names of state government candidates are recognized from their billboards along I-70 rather than their names on the sign outside Show-Me Inn, several of these better known candidates joined the ranks of local hopefuls Tuesday for a candidate forum at the Nodaway County Courthouse.

The state offices represented included Congress, Missouri Secretary of State, Missouri Attorney General and Missouri State Treasurer were all represented. Libertarian candidates were also present.

Catherine Hanaway, Republican candidate for Missouri Secretary of State, cited her main

platforms, including creating jobs and holding fair elections.

"My goal with respect to that [voter registration] list is to make sure that it's clean," Hanaway said. "To make sure we don't have dead people and a dog, as we had in St. Louis, or felons on that list."

Hanaway's opponent, Democratic candidate Robin Carnahan, did not attend the event.

Charlie Broomfield, Democratic candidate for the 6th District U.S. Congress, focused his efforts on improvements that he could make with the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill, No Child Left Behind Act and overall increase in employment by avoiding offshoring of U.S. jobs.

Please see 'Regional' page A4

Lack of members forces fraternity from house

By ANDY TIMKO
Chief Reporter

Citing low numbers, the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity will be vacating its chapter house in Maryville.

Once known on campus as a powerhouse with nearly 100 men, the fraternity has now dwindled to 28 members, leaving them unable to finance house payments.

After seven years of living in the house, located at 530 W. 9th St., the Sig Eps and their alumni have decided that the group was losing too much money living in the house, leaving them with no

other option than to move out.

"The reason that we are moving out of the house is because it hasn't been filled in about three years," fraternity president Jeremiah Matousek said. "We have been losing money on it for the past three years and this year we have even less members that are living here."

Matousek wants people to remember that although the Sig Eps are moving out of their house, they will still be active members of the Northwest campus and Greek Life.

"We will remain open," Matousek said.

Please see 'Lack of Members' page A4

New cabinet member looks toward future of University

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
Assignment Editor

The distance between Syracuse, N.Y., and Maryville may be 1,139 miles, but for Orrie Covert, the move proved to be the right choice.

Named the new Vice President for Advancement, Covert will leave his post as the director of development for the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Syracuse University.

Covert will officially take over as vice president for advancement Jan. 1.

While at Syracuse, Covert helped raise \$70 million for the University's Higher Ground Campaign.

And after leaving Northwest after his freshman year in 1989,

Covert said he is excited to come back to the Midwest.

"It was a growing experience to regularly travel to (New York City), Boston, (Washington), D.C., and (Los Angeles), and be a part of a large institution, but in the back of my mind, I suppose, I always felt that the Midwest was my home," Covert said.

"I am very excited about bringing the knowledge I have learned at Syracuse to (Northwest)."

Covert replaces the void left by Lance Burchett, who left Northwest for Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota, Fla.

As Vice President for Advancement, Covert will work please see 'New Cabinet' on page A5

THE MONEY MACHINE

New stadium lights, turf, online program

Campaign for Northwest funding

With unprecedented record-breaking funds raised, the Campaign for Northwest moves forward in its quest to advance the University into its next centennial.

To date, \$35.1 million has been pledged, with approximately \$12 million of that in hand. The amount far surpasses the original campaign goal of \$21 million.

"We blew past it," said Greg Reichert, director of development. "The response from our alumni and friends had exceeded everyone's expectations."

At a recent Foundation Board meeting, members and administrators gathered together to renew their priorities for each college and department and to look at the strategies to fund and execute them. Their funding goal for 2005 is \$260,000.

The Athletic Department's wish list includes completing Bearcat Stadium renovations, which include field turf and lights for soccer and multi-events use, the Baseball Stadium project, an indoor multi-use facility and a degree completion scholarship program.

The goal of \$5.5 million for athletics was reached. The total raised is \$6 million.

The effort continues to provide students living on campus with notebook computers. Altogether it will cost \$2.5 million.

In an attempt to attract and retain the quality and quantity of students, Provost Taylor Barnes says scholarships are one critical part of the campaign.

"If we provide this access and opportunity then we are going to be able to leverage our scholarship dollars to meet our enrollment targets and to provide students that opportunity to come to Northwest Missouri State University," Barnes said.

The newest scholarships being considered include the International Student Grant, the Transfer Grant and the Legacy Grant.

Current scholarship endeavors include the Adopt-A-Bearcat scholarship, where donors support a student by giving \$500 and, through the foundation, the University matches that \$500.

PHOTOS BY EMILY JACKSON/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

After success greater than expected in the Campaign for Northwest, projects are planned for Horace Mann, Bearcat Stadium and Garrett Strong, as well as plans for international students.

By SARAH SWEDBERG
University News Editor

Please see 'The Money Machine' page A5

Gubernatorial candidate addresses possible merger

By AARON BAILEY
Community News Editor

Claire McCaskill, Democratic candidate for Missouri Governor, said yesterday that she supports a merger between Northwest and the University of Missouri System, provided tuition costs don't increase dramatically.

"(Northwest students) began at that school with a sense of knowing what they were going to be faced with in terms of tuition costs," McCaskill said during a teleconference with Missouri campus newspapers. "I think that's reasonable and it's something I would look forward to doing, in terms of sitting down and figuring out if there's some way we can ensure that there's not a massive tuition increase for the kids at Northwest."

McCaskill said that a merger had two sides. The first is that it would strengthen the resources available to the University and that the savings in costs by "combining some administration func-

tions" would greatly benefit Northwest. The second, she said, would be the effect on tuition levels.

"I would want to work with the (UM System) Board of Curators and with the leadership at Northwest to make sure that we do some kind of plan to particularly take care of the students that are in the system right now," McCaskill said.

Although the possibility of a merger between Northwest and the University of Missouri System never reached the floor in the state's General Assembly earlier this year, Northwest officials have stated that they plan to re-open discussions with the UM System after the elections.

McCaskill said that she also plans to increase funding for higher education over her four years in office, and that retaining college graduates in Missouri is a priority.



Claire McCaskill

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Your Weekend Weather

Friday 10/22

Thunderstorms
High 73°F
Low 50°F

Saturday 10/23

Partly sunny
High 64°F
Low 40°F

Sunday 10/24

Sunny
High 71°F
Low 44°F

Missouri News



PHOTO BY AL MAGLIO/AP PHOTO

Debris of the commuter plane that crashed Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, in the woods just south of Kirksville, Mo., burns late Tuesday night as emergency personnel arrive. The commuter plane crashed as it approached Kirksville Regional Airport in northeastern Missouri, killing at least eight of the 15 people on board, officials said.

Plane crashes near Kirksville, two survive

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. (AP) — Emergency crews searched woods and open fields early Wednesday for possible survivors of a commuter plane crash that killed at least eight people but left two others with only broken bones.

The American Airlines-affiliated Corporate Airlines plane, a twin-engine turboprop, crashed in the woods a few miles short of the Kirksville airport where it was preparing to land. Five people were missing, and the cause of the crash had not been determined.

One survivor, a 44-year-old woman, was walking around when rescuers arrived at the crash scene, and a 68-year-old man was found alive in brush about 25 feet from the fuselage.

"We see car accidents with worse injuries coming in here every week," said Dr. Charles Zeman, director of trauma services at Northeast Regional Medical Center. "This is truly a miracle."

Zeman said the male survivor broke his left hip and a bone in his lower back. The woman suffered a compound fracture of right arm and mild to severe burns over 8 percent

of her body. Both were in stable condition.

Several of the victims were on their way to a medical conference, said Philip Slocum, dean and vice president for medical affairs at the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Sgt. Brent Bernhardt of the Missouri State Highway Patrol said rescue workers were holding out hope the five missing also survived the crash and would be discovered in the daylight.

"We had officers out there all night," he said. "I'm confident that they did a good search, but I can tell you the area is heavy brush, it's hard to see through. When the daylight arrives, it's going to help us out tremendously."

The wreckage was scattered over an area about one mile across, but the two survivors were discovered "so close to the plane we're imagining the others probably should have been close to the plane if they survived," Adair County Chief Deputy Larry Logston said.

The plane, Corporate Airlines

Flight 5966, was on a regular route from St. Louis with 13 passengers and two crew members aboard when it crashed shortly after 7:50 p.m., said Elizabeth Isham Cory, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration in Chicago.

The plane clipped treetops before crashing on its belly. Emergency crews found the fuselage engulfed in flames and largely intact, with the wings broken off nearby, Logston said.

All eight of those known dead were found in the fuselage, some still in their seats and the two crew members in the cockpit area, he said.

Two victims were from the Englewood Cliffs, N.J.-based Arnold P. Gold Foundation, said Barbara Packer, the foundation's managing director. Another passenger was Dr. Steve Z. Miller, the director of pediatric emergency medicine at New York's Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, according to his office.

Also on board were faculty members from Florida, Ohio and Utah, he said. He declined to release their identities.

National News

Additional flu vaccines not expected until next January

WASHINGTON (AP) — More flu vaccine is expected to be available for millions of Americans in January, but that could be too late.

The flu season typically peaks in January or later. It takes two weeks for people to develop immunity after being vaccinated, which should be done in October or November, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

So while the U.S. government is searching all over the world for more vaccine, it is unclear how helpful the extra doses will be if they don't arrive until next year.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, said Wednesday he believes the additional shots will arrive in time to help.

The flu season likely will "peak at the end of the December, the beginning of January, but it goes well through February and sometimes into March," he said on CBS's "The Early Show."

"So, any amount of doses that one can get, even as late as January, clearly will be very helpful, particularly if we have a very active flu year," Fauci said.

Federal health officials said Tuesday that 2.6 million additional doses of flu vaccine will be available in January, far fewer than the 48 million lost to contamination at a British manufacturing plant.

"We're waging a comprehensive and aggressive re-

sponse," Health and Human Services Secretary Thompson told a news conference. "We have good reason to be optimistic in our ability to deal with the season and protect the most vulnerable from its effects."

He said there was enough antiviral medicine available to treat 40 million people, shortening illness for people sick with the flu and preventing illness in healthy people.

Between vaccines and antiviral drugs, enough vaccine will be available to treat 100 million people this flu season, Thompson said. Federal authorities asked that healthy adults refrain from getting vaccinated to leave enough for those at greatest risk: the very young, the very old and people with chronic illnesses.

Sen. John Kerry, President Bush's Democratic challenger, has said the administration failed to heed warnings about a potential shortage.

"If you can't get flu vaccines to Americans, how are you going to protect them against bioterrorism? You can't get flu vaccines to Americans, what kind of care program are you running?" Kerry said.

In Florida, Bush sought to ease Americans' concerns. "I want to assure them that our government is doing everything possible to help older Americans and children get their shots despite the major manufacturing defect that caused this problem," he said.

International News

U.S. finds Taliban attempts to sabotage Afghan vote

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Fugitive Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar has fallen out with some of his lieutenants, who blame him for the rebels' failure to disrupt the landmark Afghan presidential election, the U.S. military said Wednesday.

Election officials, meanwhile, said U.S.-backed interim President Hamid Karzai could all but seal a victory Thursday as vote counting proceeds from an Oct. 9 ballot that came off largely peacefully.

A U.S. military spokesman, Maj. Scott Nelson, said intelligence reports from Afghanistan and neighboring Pakistan indicated the Taliban's failure

to mount major attacks during the election had demoralized the rebels.

"There's been serious disagreements between Mullah Omar and some of his lower commanders on the strategy for the follow-up after the election," Nelson said. "There's a lot of frustration with his lack of effectiveness in disrupting the election."

Omar, whose hardline Islamic regime harbored Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida followers, has been in hiding since a U.S.-led military campaign ousted the Taliban regime in late 2001. The rebels have mounted repeated attacks over the past year on government and coalition targets.

Nelson said intelligence indicated Omar was still involved in planning Taliban operations in both Afghanistan and Pakistan, but conceded the military didn't know in which of the two countries the one-eyed leader was hiding.

The U.S. military, which has 18,000 soldiers hunting al-Qaida, hailed the election as a body blow to the rebels because their threat to sabotage the vote proved hollow.

An estimated 8 million Afghans turned out to vote, and Karzai is set to become the country's first elected leader after a quarter-century of conflict.

The College of Education and Human Services and the Professional Education Program

Invite you to a day celebrating the U.S. Supreme Court's Decision in Brown vs. Board of Education

October 28, 2004

9:00
9:00am

Presentation and panel addressing the history of the American Civil Rights Movement and current Northwest education initiatives in urban schools, Union Ballroom

- Dr. Michael Gates, Tennessee State University
- Panel of Northwest and Kansas City Urban Educators and Teaching Interns

10:45
10:45am

Dedication of the Brown Hall Reading Room (2nd Floor Brown Hall).

- The room is made possible through the generosity of Dr. Milton (alumnus of '49) and Mrs. Zella (Horace Mann alumna '45) Ploghoft, currently of Athens, Ohio.
- The Reading Room will highlight leaders of the American Civil Rights struggle and will emphasize the important role played by education resulting in integration of the American school system.

7:00
7:00pm

Ploghoft Lecture
presents

"Each Child is a Gift"
Chauncey Veatch

at Charles Johnson Theatre

Welcome and background of the Ploghoft Lectureship Series -
Mr. Frisian Stewart - CEHS Student Ambassador

• Introduction of Mr. Veatch - Mr. Derrick Cumigan, CEHS Student Ambassador



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Our View

Dangerous precedent

That Vicki Auxier may receive a slap on the wrist for statutory rape charges shows a lack of accountability

In the months since statutory rape charges initially emerged against former Maryville High School English teacher Vicki Auxier, a degree of sadness has penetrated this community.

It hasn't come from outrage expressed by those most affected by Auxier's actions, but instead, from lack thereof.

Perhaps it's a cloud of hopelessness displayed through the lack of local response over Auxier's supposed numerous sex acts with a student, then 16.

Or the fact that the case of such magnitude has, rather than local media, received so little publicity. Maybe it's how all too many Maryville High School students and community members have been heard saying they knew about the alleged incidents long before Maryville Public Safety conducted an investigation, yet did nothing.

And now, the pinnacle of it all—that the woman recently admitted guilty to such acts may never see the inside of the jail in which she belongs.

In a court hearing earlier this week, Auxier pleaded guilty to felony statutory rape charges in hopes of receiving probation, rather than anywhere close to a maximum sentence of seven years in prison.

After initially taking a hard-line stance in Auxier's sentencing, Circuit Judge Roger Prokes hinted at the possibility of letting her go with mere probation or a suspended sentence come December.

Such a slap on the wrist is not only unacceptable and embarrassing, but dangerous. With her actions, Auxier broke one of the most sacred trusts that exists in our community—that of the bond between teacher and student. This cannot go unpunished.

Additionally, Auxier is a sex offender. Pending sentencing, she currently lives out of state. From there, where may she be employed? What access may she have to other teenagers?

We don't know. Yet this community raises no questions.

We needn't look back far to remember the infamous case of Washington state teacher Mary Kay Letourneau, who had an affair with her then 13-year-old student in 1997, subsequently mothering two of his children. Although certainly tabloid fodder, there is nothing funny about how Letourneau, also given a suspended sentence, went to prison only after again being caught with the student.

Apparently no lesson was learned.

It is vital to set a precedent and show that such behavior is unacceptable in our community. We urge the Appointed Prosecutor Dwight Scroggins to seek a prison time, and we urge Prokes to enjoin it.

Were Auxier a man, and her student a teenage girl, would things be different? It's not an outlandish question. We all too often assume rape in any form can only be committed by males. We know this is true. Willing or otherwise, we must bear in mind that Auxier's teenage victim was just that—a victim. The fact that such actions stemmed from an initial relationship between teacher and student, the profession in which we place the most trust, makes the most horrifying.

In an age where our educators are accountable for everything—including test scores, general welfare and happiness of our students, Auxier must also be held accountable for one of the most unspeakable crimes a teacher could have committed.

It is imperative, and we cannot remain silent.

Missourian Backtalk. 562-1980

In response to the Oct. 17 Backtalk, that is the most ridiculous comment I've ever heard of someone say. If a Native American had wished for their flag to be displayed, it's not that difficult because Northwest is a very cultural school and they certainly would have put it up."

Editor's Note: If you would like your entire message printed, please keep statements brief.



Betrayal: reason enough to vote

My View

I don't solicit the daily reminders that I get every time I turn on the television, open a paper or listen to the radio that this is an election year and the crucial voting day is drawing near.

But I am thankful for them.

I am not trying to beat a dead horse. I know that each of you have been bombarded with political advertisements and debates and enough information to make your head explode. But with our busy lives and the fact that this is the first time many students at Northwest are actually able to participate come Nov. 2, it's easy to forget that in order to be heard we have to get off our ass and raise our voices.

Though many students and members of the community did not agree with Michael Moore coming to town with his biased views and signature slander, he still had a very important message: it's time for the slackers to rise to the occasion and let themselves be heard. Students need to remember that they don't need to join the anti-Bush campaign and support Moore to benefit from his request to our age group to vote.

While I cheered as loud as anyone the day Moore entered Bearcat Stadium waving to the crowd with his goofy grin, I understand that not all people can appreciate his banter. While this is true, there were also key flaws about the incumbent's presidency as outlined in Moore's speech that should make all Bush supporters scratch their noggin.

Not only did President George W. Bush lie to get us into the war, boasting an imminent threat of weapons of mass destruction.



Stephanie Stangl

tion he is also putting our nation's family members into harm's way to fight a war because of the lie. In my opinion, Saddam Hussein truly was not a threat that the United States should have been focusing on.

He was merely a scapegoat. Bush proclaimed that he was a threat, so we, as dutiful citizens, trusted our president and supported his effort to go into war, come to discover that most of it was all blatant lies he spoon-fed us.

But what really disturbs me the most about this war is a statistic that some Americans don't take into consideration or maybe they merely choose to ignore.

According to Iraqbodycount.org, more than 15,000 Iraqi women, children and civilian men have died because of this war. Helpless individuals who had their lives ripped away merely because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Yes, Hussein was an oppressive ruler and needed to be overthrown. Yes, he killed his own citizens. But Iraqi civilians are still dying because of a war that was supposed to end the torture and make life better for them.

Great solution, Bush.

Now we are attempting to erect a democracy in a country that doesn't even want us there. President Bush went on the false assumption that Democracy is fit for all and that anyone, when given the option, would embrace it.

But the reverse has happened. American troops die on a daily basis because of this delusion.

What I can't understand is how any person could be aware of these facts and still vote for Bush with a clear conscience.

But the real issue here isn't whether you agree with me. The issue is that you get out and vote. I know you've heard the statistics before. Roughly 51 percent of Americans did not vote in the last election. I realize it's easy to get discouraged with a system that allows the electoral college choice to not reflect public polls. It's easy to say that your vote won't make the difference, but it's just as easy to take the 10 minutes to vote and take the chance that it will.

To sit idly by as the rest of the nation chooses your leader not only frustrates me, but it also saddens me. There are so many oppressive governments that do not even give the option of voting in open elections. They have leaders forced down their throats for the entirety of their lives and they never even had a say in any of it.

For those of you that switch the channel, turn the page or change the station every time something political dances across the screen, this is a last plea to you to not throw this civil liberty away. Life's too short to be silent.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Nothing funny about Moore's sell-out antics, tactics

Laugh at Michael Moore all you want, but don't be fooled by his "cool" shortsies, like "Bush and Kerry both suck—that's why I'm voting for John Kerry." Ha, ha, ha.

Voting against one's conscience is serious business with implications for entire system of democracy. Free people should choose their leaders based on the kind of world they want to create, not in a resigned surrender to the least of the worst.

Keep that in mind when you see Moore sucking you into a paradox, acting radical and making you laugh so you'll vote his way. No one can fault an audience for enjoying the movie, the gimmicks, the noodles and the free underwear. But don't let Moore and his new pro-war, pro-Patriot Act, pro-corporate globalization buddies in the Democratic Party insult your intelligence and make you feel politically correct in a profound act of surrender.

Moore has cut and run. He has shelved

his past, very vocal criticism of the Democratic Party for abandoning the public good to corporate greed. He knows this is a party which has gotten regressively more gutless, spineless, clueless and hapless; bungled the election of 2000; and has continued losing to the worst of the Republicans for the past ten years at the state and federal levels.

And yet he rallies good people to become a part of that corrupt system, to sell out their values, hopes and consciences to vote for a candidate who is prepared to send them into harm's way in prolonging an unprovoked war. It's bad enough to become a turncoat to one's friends and allies, as Michael has, but far worse to become a turncoat to millions of supporters who counted on him to continue challenging corruption.

The only way to make lasting social change is to stand our ground as did the abolitionists, the civil rights leaders, the women's movement and the great freedom

movements across the world and throughout history. Leaders of these movements were told by both opponents and fearful friends alike to shut up and take it or it would only get worse—but to our society's lasting and great benefit, many of them stood strong. Now the independent movement to free our government from the stranglehold of corporate greed faces the same standoff and there is no "some other time," no better time, to stand strong.

The struggle for justice must never be put on adjournment.

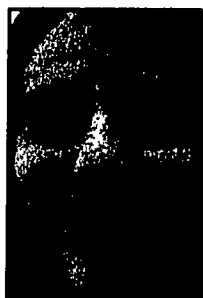
Young generation of Americans, stand with us in this historic struggle to return democracy to the people. Show Michael Moore how to stand tall for justice in the face of fear.

Vote Nader/Camejo. www.votenader.org.

RALPH NADER
REFORM PARTY

YOUR VIEW

What would you do to better the community?



"We need more people with mohawks. They make the world go 'round."

Angie Norris
English



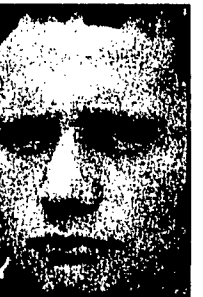
I would catch the squirrels and pit them against each other. We would sell tickets. It would be like cock fighting. We would get rid of the squirrels and make money. Score!

Kayla Fuller
English



I'd introduce Communism into the community and declare myself supreme ruler of anything that moves. Victory is mine!

Kenny Benedict
Advertising/
English



I would have Ben Koehn do a stand up routine. He would enlighten the residents of the community whilst he entertains us all.

Noah Huret
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Science



It should be mandatory that everyone rides a scooter. Especially the high schoolers and elderly. Oh, and those Academy kids.

Sara Spinski
English

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Area chapel, graveyard spawn ghost stories

By ASHLEY BALLY
Missourian Reporter

Miles outside Maryville, with the echoes of the wind whipping around the ancient tombstones, and sounds of squeaking bats in its sagging rafters sits Workman Chapel.

Sitting next to a graveyard off state Hwy FF, the 104-year-old church and cemetery is the sight of history and hauntings alike.

John Workman dedicated Workman Chapel as a non-denominational church, in memory of his wife Elizabeth, on June 16, 1901. Over the years, the building and cemetery have become the center of many reported hauntings.

Ghost sightings have been repeatedly reported to Daisy, and Lester Workman, descendants of John Workman and caretakers of the church. The most frequently reported sighting is that of a Civil War soldier appearing in the cemetery riding his horse among the old leaning tombstones.

"The legend goes back to a ghost of the Civil War that usually appears in the late fall or early spring during evenings

of dreary weather," Daisy said. "He appears as a soldier on horseback with a sabre across his lap, after that people seldom stay."

Possible identities of the ghost may be one of the two Civil War soldiers buried in the cemetery, Levi Buzzard and John King.

A large number of children are among those buried in the cemetery. According to Daisy, many children's lives were claimed by a flu epidemic she believes to have occurred in the 1930s.

Other tales involve the ghost of a young girl seen hanging in front of one of the church windows. The story maintains that she can only be seen while looking through the window from out in the cemetery, according to Maryville resident Becci Schimming.

Workman's Chapel cemetery is still used for burial, although the church has been unused for 20-30 years with the exception of revivals that occur, of course, during the daytime.

Coming up the old, and narrow gravel road the Chapel stands on a hill next to the old cemetery surrounded by nothing but a rustic barbed wire fence.

The chapel itself stands slightly el-

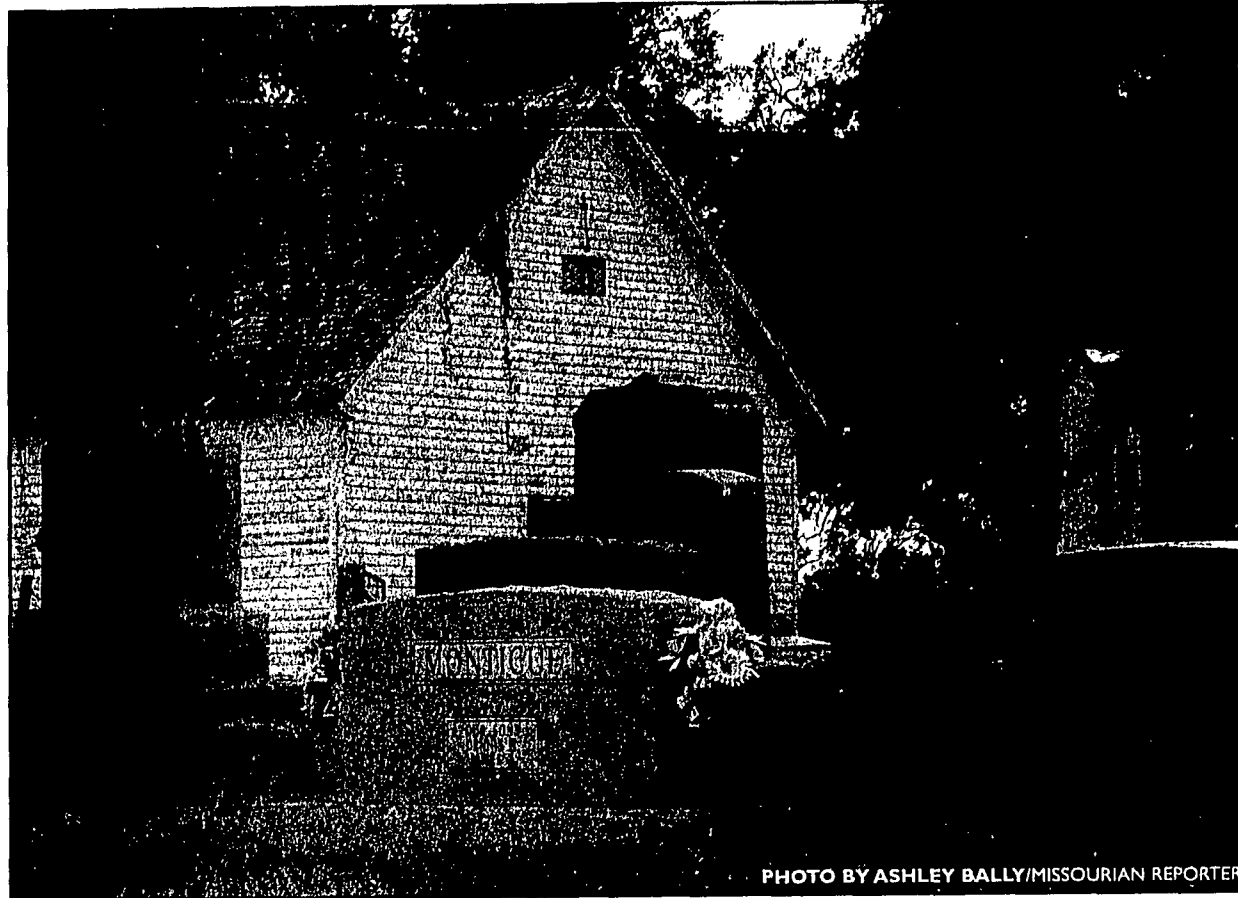


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Workman's Chapel, located on the outskirts of Maryville off state highway FF, is rumored to be haunted by a Civil War soldier and the ghost of a young girl who is believed to have died in a flu epidemic around 1930. The Chapel is more than a century old.

evated with the front doors removed, and the inside hollowed out. The long windows, in a series of three, on the sides of the church have been broken out, and wooden planks missing from the floor expose the ground below. The outside of the church is simple, but time has caused the white

paint to peel away, revealing the wooden planks beneath it.

According to Daisy, vandalism in the cemetery has escalated, with two tombstones knocked over in the past six weeks. As of Tuesday, a total of four tombstones were knocked over.

And as for the spirit that may or

may not haunt the cemetery, it's anybody's guess.

"Several people have come to look for him, but the reports we get are from people not expecting to find him at all," Daisy said. "I have never seen him. I am never around in the evenings, and I don't really want to."

Larcenies become a concern

By JARED HOFFMANN
Chief Reporter

A recent string of larcenies left some area residents with a growing concern.

According to Maryville Police Safety, there have been 24 occurrences of larceny since August, two resulting in arrests. According to Public Safety Officer Rex Riley, the number of such incidents has escalated.

"I don't know the exact number from last year, but 24 sounds a little higher than normal," Riley said. "Very seldom do we get calls for larceny inside city limits."

According to Riley, larceny is defined as stealing, taking or trying anything of value belonging to another person.

Items taken recently ranged from digital cameras and CD players to lawnmowers and gasoline.

According to Riley, when a larceny occurs, it can be difficult to track suspects.

"What we get from a crime is always very minimal," Riley said. "Unless they do something to leave a clue behind, then it's absolutely difficult to track them."

Larceny charges range from petty and grand depending on the dollar amount of the property taken.

According to Public Safety Officer Rick Small, such incidents include everything between stealing a sign and shoplifting.

According to Small, a larceny differs from a burglary in that a burglary, a suspect must physically enter a residence to commit a crime. Such a case, Small said, is "usually something they plan in advance."

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Some Maryville playground equipment will be removed

By DOMINICK HADLEY
Missourian Reporter

Parks and Recreation Department employees will begin removing a list of equipment from area parks.

Equipment scheduled to be removed includes two slides from Water Tower Park, one slide and a firepole from Beal Park and the spring-bouncing animals from all parks throughout the city. All equipment is expected to be removed by mid-November.

The decision to remove the

equipment came after loss prevention specialists with the Missouri Intergovernmental Risk Management Association, an insurance agency that serves a host of cities across the state, uncovered underlying risks in the selected equipment.

Every year, specialists are dispatched to parks in participating cities to assess and determine potential risks in playground equipment.

The specialists then make recommendations based on current safety standards and efforts are made to correct whatever problems exist.

According to Parks and Recreation Director Rod Auxier, this is not the first time Maryville has undergone these removal procedures.

"In 1988, we removed almost all the equipment—those that did not meet safety standards," Auxier said. "Some of these items are associated with the equipment we replaced."

However, unlike the removal in 1988, the equipment being taken away this year will not be replaced.

"We will not be replacing the equipment because it's not in our budget," Auxier said.

Arrangements to replace the equipment will be made once funding becomes available, he said.

City Manager Matt Chesnut, who also serves as secretary of the association's board of directors, feels it is very important that the city cooperate with the safety recommendations in order to avoid possible lawsuits.

"Our biggest problem whenever we put something together there is the possibility that lawsuits will come down the pike eventually," Chesnut said. "If we know about (the safety risks) and we do nothing

about it, then we are liable for lawsuits in the future."

Cindy Kenkel, a local parent and Marketing Management instructor at Northwest, also agrees with the city's decision to remove the unsafe equipment.

"I think the children's safety is the most important issue," Kenkel said. "If they have done some type of risk analysis, I would support their decision. And, I hope that when the money does become available to replace the equipment that they would replace it with something safe."

Church hosts banquet for international students

By JAMIE SLATEN
Missourian Reporter

Northwest students representing cultures from around the world met Sunday night at Maryville's First Baptist Church for the 36th annual Fall Dinner.

More than 60 international students, out of 500,00 in the United States, participated in this year's dinner, themed "Friends without Borders." International students attending Northwest had the chance to make new friends and celebrate their faith.

"We have students from Japan, China, Korea, Saudi Arabia and even from Europe who are members of our church," church and host family member Bing Boettner said. "This annual dinner is a doorway to bring in all cultures and to make new friendships."

Boettner, originally from the Phil-

ippines, came to Maryville as a Northwest student. Boettner and her husband, Richard, have been First Baptist Church members for almost eight years and are currently part of the host family program.

Richard Boettner was the coordinator of the event and helped send the invitations.

"I've always supported the dinner," he said. "I was involved with my first one back in college and it was a great experience."

The first activity was a puppet presentation by the First Baptist Church Prayz Puppet Team who sang "Circle of Friends." All eyes were fixed on the four puppets, each representing a different culture as they sang and swayed.

The First Baptist Church's annual Fall Dinner emphasizes peace, common ground in faith and friendship, according to Carole Zahnd, one of the first women to start the international



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Northwest international student Jeaneth Purrel from Mexico (right) signs in with sophomore Caleb Gibson at last Sunday's "Friends without Borders" dinner. The event hosted more than 60 students.

student and host family dinner.

"Maryville is such a small town and when the University opened its doors to international students, it was a great opportunity for us and the students to meet different parts of the world," Zahnd said.

Next, Larry Zahnd presented the prayer of Thanksgiving for the meal. As everyone filed in line for the dinner in the Fellowship Hall, students—both new and old—visited amongst each other and reflected good and humor-

ous memories with their host families.

"My host family is fantastic!" exclaimed Reda Ibrahimkha, a MIS and Marketing double major from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. "I wouldn't have asked for a better family these past 4 1/2 years."

The annual Fall Dinner at the First Baptist Church is open to all international students from Northwest. To become a member or to join a host family you can contact the church at 562-2616.

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Former teacher pleads guilty to rape

on some sort of probationary condition and outlining a plea bargain. Sundell also requested to conduct a pre-sentencing investigation, which was granted.

Scroggins indicated that the family of the victim would make a statement at the sentencing.

The mother of the victim, who requested that her name be withheld to

protect her son's identity, expressed hopes that Auxier receives jail time.

"She pleaded guilty to statutory rape in the second degree, which is a felony," she said. "We are all accountable for our actions, why should she be an exception?"

Auxier officially resigned from the school district on Jan. 16, and currently resides in Rhodes, Iowa.

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Candidates discuss local, state issues

"In all my time as a legislator, teacher and an individual who has been consistently involved in community affairs, I have never worried until now about the future of our wonderful country," he said. "I am worried about it sincerely this evening."

Although Republican incumbent Sam Graves did not attend the event, Libertarian candidate Erik Buck shared his disappointment with the Patriot Act, also labeling the war in Iraq "immoral, illegal and very risky." He ended with

a plea for voters to break away from the two dominating parties.

"If you vote for a Republican Democrat, it doesn't really matter which," said Buck. "Nothing is going to change."

Republican Attorney General candidate Byrd pointed out that under incumbent Attorney General, Democrat Jay Byrd, who did not attend the forum. "The attorney general can't sit back and pick and choose which laws to defend," Byrd said.

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do not know (what will hap- at this time," Matousek said. our alumni board corporation e, so we have nothing really to th that."

According to Sig Ep member Slusher, the group is taking s pretty well and the fraternity

will have the opportunity to buy the house back for the next three years.

Slusher also said that the men who were living in the house have all found apartments to live in.

Although the Sig Eps don't know how long they will be without a chapter house, They also believe that it will not affect recruitment should the be without a house next fall.

"We've been without a house be-

fore, so I'm going to contact older members," Matousek said. "There have been other fraternities without houses; it's been done before, we'll just have to find other ways."

According to Inter-Fraternity Council Secretary Ben York, the size of fraternities at Northwest has dropped to an average of 30 men this year. That average is down from 48 last year and 57 in 2002, according to Bryan VanOsdale, Director of Campus Activities.

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w cabinet member anticipates return to campus in January

the Foundation Board and ni Association. The Campaign e 21st Century is one project t will be overseeing.

uck Place, Foundation Board ent, said he is excited to work Covert.

With the Campaign for the 21" ur, our Centennial and the on- success of the University, Orrie t's background in development

along with his enthusiasm and his connection to the region will be a great addition to the Advancement Staff at a time when we have great opportunities to connect with our alumni and friends," Place said.

Covert finished high school in Lamoni, Iowa, before coming to Northwest in 1989. He then went back to Lamoni and attended Graceland University.

And now, with his wife, Sara, and sons Thomas, 7, Seth, 5, and Matthew, 3, he will be back on the Northwest campus.

"(Northwest) is a special place for me," Covert said. "It was a great experience to walk across campus again and realize how many people made a difference for me when I was here. My wife Sara and I only have the fondest memories of our time in Maryville."

Powwow to display culture

By KIMBERLY BRAND
Missourian Reporter

Bearcat Arena will burst with color and echo with drums Saturday, as Native American dancers share their culture with the Northwest community.

The University's first powwow begins with a grand entry at 1 p.m. Saturday. Clad in full traditional costume, dancers traveling from states including Oklahoma, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Illinois and Missouri will compete for a \$4,000 prize while showing off their skills.

"It's a family affair—anyone can come," said Barbara Crossland, chairperson of curriculum and instruction.

Dancers can compete in women's, men's, junior boys and junior girls divisions. Spectators at the powwow will see examples of different traditional dances as well as more formal ones such as fancy shawl dancing and jingle dress dancing. Additionally, the powwow features music,

drums, and storytelling.

Crossland, a native Cherokee, helped organize this first powwow but insists the first thoughts originated from Northwest students.

"It was a grassroots effort," she said. "Several students contacted me concerning the possibility of having a powwow and things just started happening."

Senior speech communications major Maria Swope can be credited for the idea of a powwow at the University. A registered member of the Sault St. Marie reservation in Michigan with Chippewa heritage, she grew up dancing and traveling with her family for powwows. With proper assistance from International Affairs Coordinator Jeff Foot and University Relations, it seemed easy for her to take the lead in bringing something so important in her life, to her campus community.

"The group just took the ball and ran with it and put it all into the works," Swope said.

Swope says she wishes for people to gain knowledge and awareness from the powwow.

"It's not what you may think," she said. "I just want everyone to know what it is and what it's about; people should be able to come, wear jeans and feel comfortable...come prepared to learn something, with an open mind. Be excited!" She added that the dancers would love to answer questions and talk to everyone, and they welcome photography during the majority of the powwow.

Saturday's powwow also serves another purpose: to raise funds for a Native American scholarship at Northwest. The University currently offers a scholarship for minority students, but not one specifically for Native Americans. Crossland said that the population of Native Americans on campus is small—less than one percent of the population—but many students show interest in learning about Native heritage and helping to establish a scholarship fund.

Admission for the powwow at Bearcat Arena is free. Vendors will sell snacks, and Native American foods and crafts.

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The Money Machine: Capital Campaign funds big dreams

Additionally, technology and resource projects will focus on providing for the development and utilization of non-fossil fuels and the current technological support.

The tactical initiative funding will go toward improvements in speeding up the network and updating administrative software, which includes the installation of Banner and the notebook initiative.

The Intercultural and International Center's focus is to create better opportunities for the University's underrepresented groups such as an affordable college experience with scholarships.

The Arts and Sciences College will focus its campaign efforts on advanced specialized equipment needed for three new degrees: biotechnology, nanotechnology and biopharming/renewable energy.

Altogether the Arts and Science College is asking for \$3.6 million.

The Education Department including the Horace Mann Laboratory School has reached half of it's a \$1 million goal in funding various projects including Horace Mann and Child Care development programs.

They also want to build a new Horace Mann and a Consumer Sciences classroom facility for \$8 million.

So far, Max Ruhl, Dean of Education and Human Services said they have reached an endowment of \$100,000 for the Brown Hall Reading Room to showcase a Diversity Lecture Series.

The Booth College of Business and Professional Studies wants to fund equipment it needs for the Mass Communications Department's converged media program and for Agri-

culture Department's technological and laboratory needs as it steps toward biopharming.

So far, the Booth College has been given a \$5 million endowment for these projects.

The campaign will continue into 2007 as the Foundation Board and University officials plan to maximize the mount of private support. The goal is to raise an additional \$1.5 million by the end of the campaign.

Overall, Northwest's first ever campaign continues to place it ahead of the class.

"Our alumni have always been fiercely loyal and there is no questioning that," Reichert said. "They're willing to invest back into their alma mater at levels we never expected."

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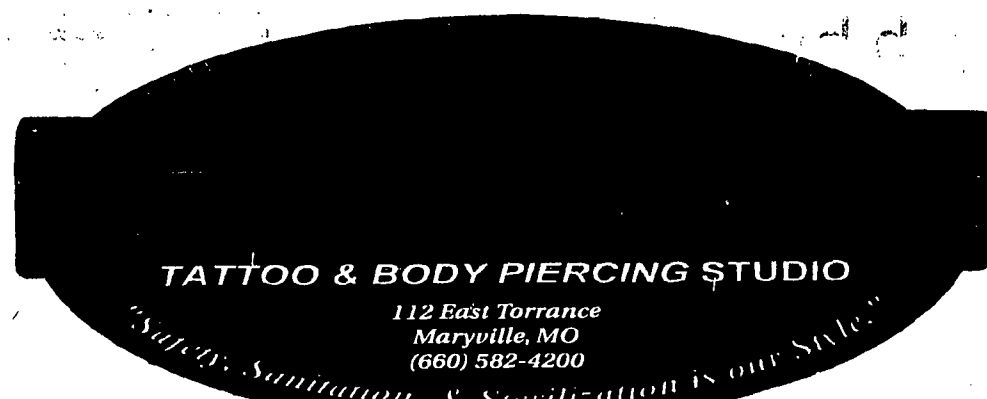
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With Election Day drawing near, students must decide whom they will vote for, if they vote at all

By STEPHANIE STANGL
Features Editor

It's a way to finally get your voice heard, affect public policy and possibly make a difference.

Dan Smith, assistant professor of history, humanities, philosophy and political science at Northwest, says because most students won't vote in the upcoming presidential election on Nov. 2, this scenario will not be reality.

"Students usually don't pay much attention to the issues," Smith said. "They may be uneasy about making decisions about something that they are not interested in."

They're not alone.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 111 million people, or 55 percent of the U.S. population voted in 2000. Similarly, 36.1 percent of 18-24 year-olds voted while 72.2 percent of 65-74 year olds voted making voter apathy an imminent problem among young adults.

This is precisely the reason that junior Kelsey Guest, a child and family studies major at Northwest, cites for not voting.

"I don't know anything about the candidates," Guest said. "Therefore, I don't think I should make an uninformed vote."

Nodaway County Clerk Beth Hann has an additional theory as to why more students don't participate.

"Northwest attracts a lot of students out of state," Hann said. "One can only assume that a majority of those students are voting back home where their interests lie."

Xavier Omon, a broadcasting major, has a different reason he won't be approaching the voting booth on Election Day.

"I won't be voting because it's not important to me," Omon said. "Neither of the candidates do anything about the issues that affect me."

But the blame does not solely lie within each individual student, said Smith.

"Frankly, it would help if we had candidates that gave more than lip service to students," Smith said. "Policies that are of great importance to students are really not addressed and when they are they are talked about and nothing really is done."

Regardless of who is to blame, if enough students were to vote it could be enough to turn the tide of the election.

"As close as elections have been, there's a very good chance that if the registration numbers are reflected in voter turnout young people may very well change the outcome of the election," Smith said. "There were three states in the 2000 election that were decided by less than 500 votes. When people understand how close this is, then they begin to realize that their vote

really does matter."

In 2000, 355 out of 650 registered voters from Northwest actually came to the polls. According to Smith, numbers are up this year, with close to 1,100 registered student voters.

Many campaigns have been formed recently to increase awareness and voter turnout among 18-30 year-olds.

MTV's "Rock the Vote" and "Choose or Lose" are doing so by posting reasons to vote, how to locate the correct precinct and letting people know where candidates stand on issues on their Web sites.

Freshman Kara Starr, an undecided major, says that while "Rock the Vote" interested her it was not the factor that convinced her to vote.

"I watched 'Rock the Vote' last night and I thought it was really good," Starr said. "I think they did a good job of focusing on topics that affect young people. I feel it's my duty to vote even though I don't really think my vote counts."

Apathy is not contained within the University. According to Hann, there are 2,219 registered voters in Nodaway County out of 11,915 eligible voters.

Many students believe their vote doesn't count because of the previous election when the Electoral College decision did not support the popular vote. With some states converting to proportional distribution of the votes in the Electoral College and the fact that this has only happened three other times in history, Smith says that this should not deter students from voting.

"There has been a move to make the Electoral College proportional," Smith said. "Maine and Nebraska already have enacted this. If Colorado had this in 2000, we could have had a President (Al) Gore."

Students are reminded that the U.S. President is not the only position decided on Election Day.

According to Hann, the other positions that voters will decide on Nov. 2 are U.S. Senator, Missouri Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, U.S. Representative for the 6th District and State Representative for the 4th District. In addition, residents vote for South and North District Commissioner, sheriff, coroner, assessor, treasurer, public administrator and surveyor.

"There is a mistaken assumption that the president is the only thing that matters," Smith said. "The Senate is a toss-up. Whether the Senate is controlled by Democrats or Republicans is huge in terms of how the government works."

Smith encourages each student to vote, regardless of his or her political affiliation.

"Plato once said, 'One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors,'" Smith said. "If you choose not to participate, people will make decisions for you. You have the choice of telling them what you want or not telling them what you want, but decisions are going to be made one way or another."

Missourian reporter Jessica Schmidt contributed to this article.

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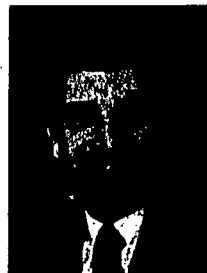
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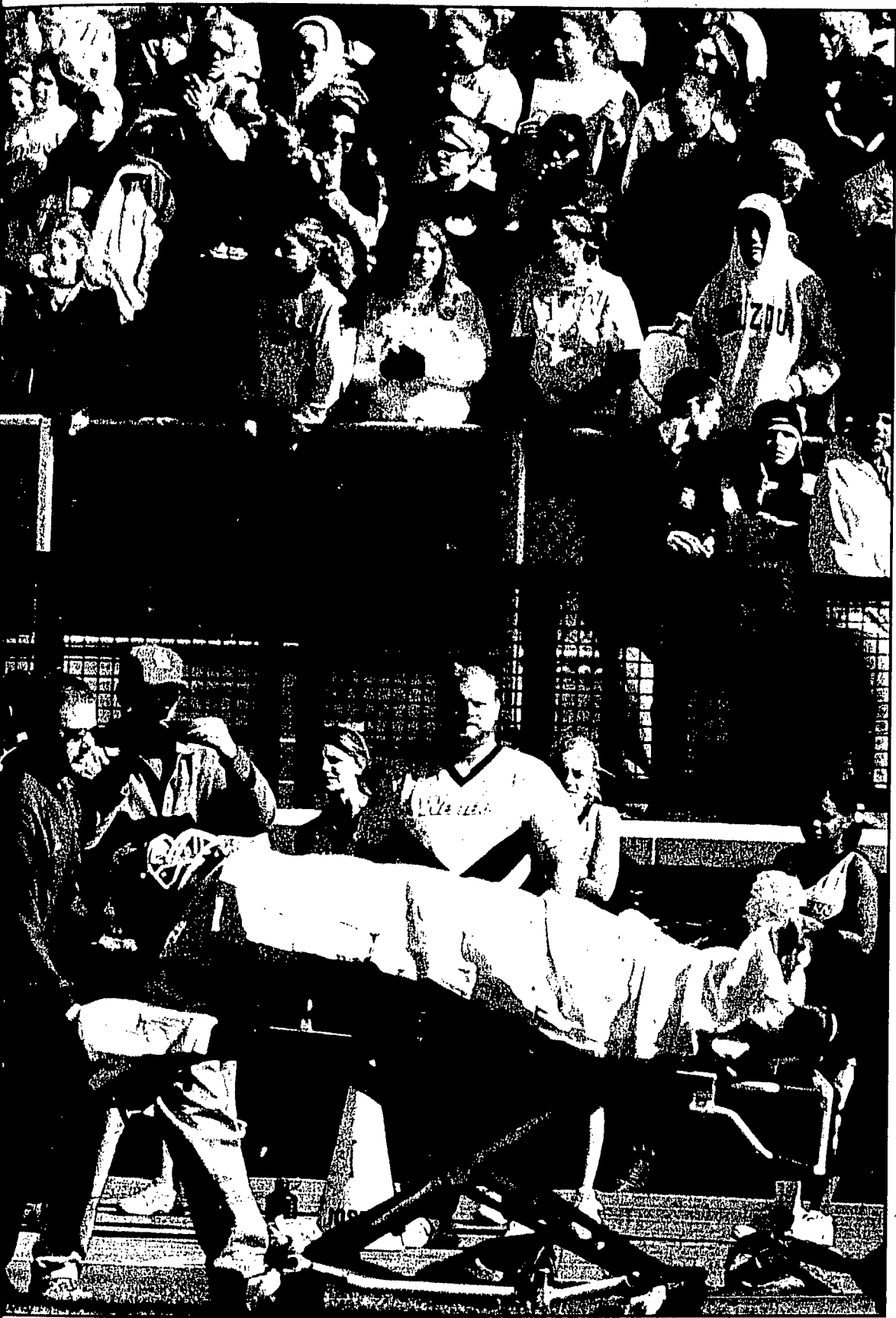
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Mathews takes center stage



Fans look past quarterback's season-ending hip dislocation

By COLE YOUNG
Sports Editor

Last Friday was just like any other Friday for 6-year-old Justin Wilmes. After coming home from school, he watched his mother check the family's answering machine for the usual messages: telemarketers, family, Josh Lamberson.

While most people would be a bit shocked to have a message left by the standout Northwest quarterback, it's routine for Wilmes to get a call from Lamberson wishing him good luck in his soccer game the following morning.

"That's just the kind of guy Lamberson is," Northwest head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "He really enjoys being around the kids. It's not unusual to see him playing catch after the game with some of the little kids."

And during the injured starting quarterback's most trying time, fans young and old are returning the favor.

During the days Lamberson spent in St. Francis Hospital after dislocating his hip Saturday, Justin, along with brothers Tyler and Spencer Greeley, made sure to go see him.

They aren't the only ones.

Bearcatblitz.com set up a get well soon page for the quarterback earlier this week. By Wednesday it had already gathered 113 messages of support.

While Lamberson has the ability to connect with fans, the bond between he and Wilmes began when the family would go visit the players on the field following home games.

"We are friends with the Nanningas, so we always used to go down on the field and talk to Mike (Nanninga)," Justin's mother Dee Dee said. "One time Justin said he wanted to talk to the quarterback. We started talking to him and now every time we see him he talks to Justin."

Last April, Justin was about to celebrate his 6th birthday party and did the normal routine of filling out invitations.

"He said he wanted to invite Josh," Dee Dee said.

That wish seemed a little far-fetched, especially since he was slated to host it on Easter weekend.

His mother did the best she could to explain to her son that he would likely be spending the entire weekend at home with his own family.

Not quite.

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Without Lamberson, freshman takes over

By COLE YOUNG
Sports Editor

With one play, Bearcat Stadium turned silent.

For 10 minutes, junior quarterback Josh Lamberson lied motionless on the stadium's turf.

The injury, a hip subluxation or essentially a dislocated hip that popped back into place, will keep the Northwest standout away from the field for the rest of the season. Lamberson's hip slipped out of place, but was back in position by the time he left the field.

It still wasn't enough to stop the Bearcats in a 31-13 win over Missouri Western Saturday.

"We have to keep going," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "We have 117 other guys out there busting their butts so we owe it to them to keep on giving 100 percent."

The Bearcats held a 7-0 lead before Lamberson went down on the 14-yard run. While he was sent to St. Francis Hospital, redshirt freshman Josh Mathews took over.

"I went from No. 3 to on the field," said Mathews. "I was nervous. Who wouldn't be with our No. 1 guy going down? But I had a good week of practice. I knew the offense pretty well, but obviously I was shaky because I've never been through it before. I tried to bear with it and I just stuck it out."

Until last week against Southern, Mathews was No. 3 on the depth chart behind Jeff Netolicky and spent the majority of his time calling in plays.

"I've always known I was just two plays from being in the game," said

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LEFT: Josh Lamberson is carted off the field after a hip injury sustained against Missouri Western Saturday. The junior is out for the season.

Right: Xavier Omon scores on a 10-yard run to put the Bearcats ahead 13-0. Northwest won the game 31-13.

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ONLINE EDITOR



Youngsters lead way to conference meet

By BILLY BURNS
Missourian Reporter

Enthusiasm has served Northwest men's cross country well this fall.

The fun-loving trio of sophomores Pohren and Bryan Touney and senior Brandon Dart have finished top three in nearly every meet the Bearcats.

The three runners foresee a bright future for their team.

"In a couple years we'll be some to reckon with," Touney said.

They all turned in their top finish of the year at the most recent meet, Concordia Invitational. Touney finished with a 10th place finish in a time of 26:26. Pohren came in with a time of 26:41. Dart finished the 8-kilometer race in 27:08 and placed 14th.

Touney earned all-state honors at Summit North High School in Summit, Mo. He placed 28th at

last season's conference meet and 37th at the regional.

Pohren lettered four years at Creighton Prep in Omaha, Neb., and finished 14th at state his senior year. He has finished second on the team three times this season, along with a third-place finish.

Dart attributes his early success to a disappointing senior season at Fremont High School in Fremont, Neb. He suffered through numerous injuries that kept him from reaching his potential.

"My senior year was a disaster," Dart said. "I wanted to run over the summer so I could come in and have a good freshman season."

Dart's summer running paid off as he has paced the team in every meet except the Concordia Invitational.

Despite his success, Pohren enjoys the team aspect the most about cross country.

"I like the people, I come out for



PHOTO BY STEVE SERRANO/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Matt Pohren, Brandon Dart and Bryan Touney have combined to lead the Bearcats' cross country team. The trio has finished near the top at each of the squads meets this year.

the team," Pohren said. "It's fun coming to practice and having 17 other guys doing the same thing you are."

Pohren believes the Bearcats need to improve their off-season training to take the team where they want to be in the coming years.

"If you come in only partly fit you pretty much use half the season to get

up to par," Pohren said. "Off-season training is where it's at."

Touney and Pohren provide a place for the team to gather away from practices and meets.

"There's an opportunity for the team to get together every day of the week at our house," Pohren said. "It

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Grosse influences, leads young team

By KYLIE MCDONOUGH
Missourian Reporter

After two years of seemingly non-stop injuries, Ashley Grosse feels that her time has come.

This is the first season that Grosse has not been hit with any type of injury, but feels that she is not where she needs to be athletically.

"I am frustrated because there are goals I haven't met yet," Grosse said of her injuries. "My time in the past meets have been slower than what I have been wanting."

She plans to redeem herself at the MIAA championships Saturday at Mazingo Golf Course.

"Looking at her you would be deceived," Lorek said of Grosse's small stature. "But she is stronger than you

think. I am pleased with her as a runner, and more pleased of her influence on the rest of the team. Any coach would be thankful to have her on their team."

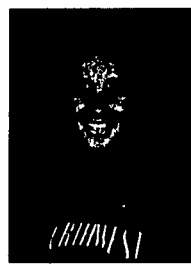
The Blue Springs, Mo. native is both excited and nervous for the upcoming event. Grosse feels that she and her teammates are ready for the MIAA championships. Coach Scott Lorek has been running them hard this week, focusing on strength and speed.

"I try to look at the positive and not dwell on this being the last meet for me," Grosse said.

The season has gone well for Grosse and she feels that the team has gone beyond their expectations.

Lorek said Grosse doesn't give herself enough credit when it comes to

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Grosse

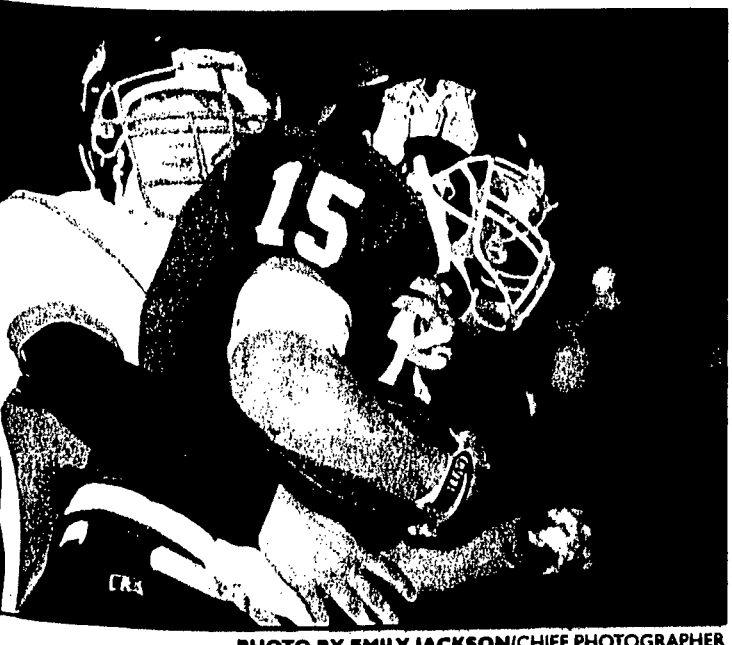


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Back Myles Burnside is brought down by a Benton defender Friday night at the Pound. Maryville picked up the key MEC victory against the Cardinals, 36-14.

Spoofhounds pick up second-straight victory

By BRENDAN KELLEY
Missourian Reporter

When the Spoofhounds stepped onto the field Friday night in Maryville, they knew that they needed a win.

Maryville took a step in the right direction Friday night by defeating the Cardinals 36-14, bringing their record to 4-2.

Benton and Maryville both entered Friday's contest with records of 3-2, and both teams were looking for a way to jump-start their run at the postseason.

"Benton thought that they could hang with the big three," senior Josh Wilmes said. "Tonight we showed them that they couldn't hang with us."

Maryville came out firing on all cylinders as senior Josh Wilmes found the endzone with a 49-yard touchdown run on Maryville's second play of the game.

Wilmes had a career night by throwing for a touchdown and 175 yards, and rushing for 103 yards and three touchdowns.

"I just hit the holes when I saw them," Wilmes said. "We had great blocking from the line tonight."

Benton put together a drive of their own and it appeared as though

they would find the endzone as well with the ball sitting on Maryville's 10-yard line, but one penalty and a missed field goal later had the ball again.

Two drives later Jake Mattson stripped the ball from Benton and Daniel Blair recovered it for the Spoofhounds.

With 11:33 remaining in the second quarter, Maryville struck again on a nine-yard touchdown run by Josh Wilmes. The extra-point was blocked, leaving the score at 14-0.

Maryville appeared to have the game under control, leading 22-0 nearing the end of the second quarter, but Benton refused to give in as they found the end zone on a 14-yard touchdown run to make the score

22-7 going into halftime.

The third quarter started with interceptions from both teams' quarterbacks. Benton's Ryan Hook intercepted a Josh Wilmes pass, and then Maryville's Jake Mattson picked off Benton's Chris Pinson and ran it back 33 yards, leaving the 'Hounds with excellent field position.

"I was just in the right place at the right time," Mattson said. "Other people were making plays to put me into position to make some big plays."

Josh Wilmes put the game out of reach by finding the end zone again with a 10-yard touchdown run and after a failed extra-point Maryville led 28-7 with 10 minutes remaining in the

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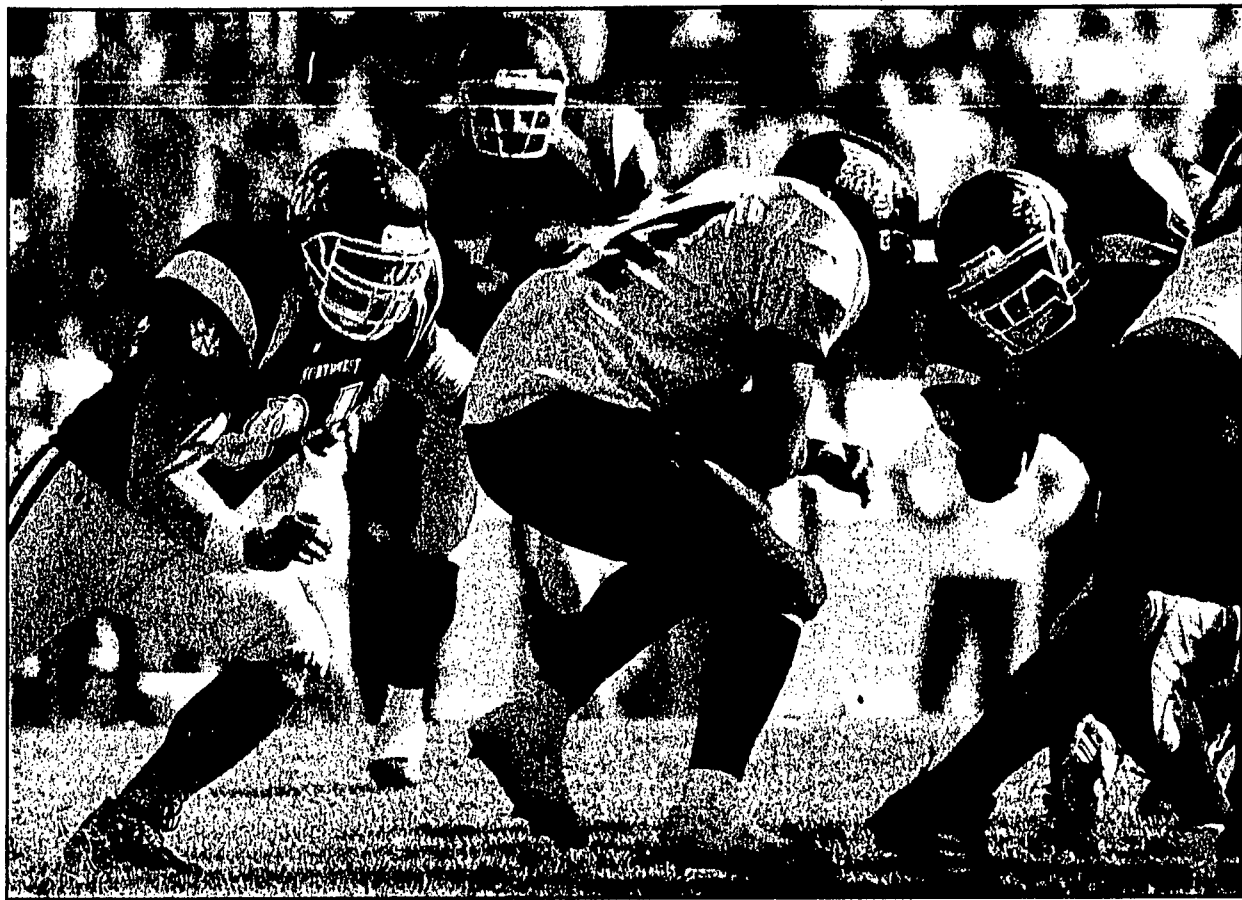


PHOTO BY JOSH HUTSON/ ONLINE EDITOR

Mike Tiehen and Kyle Kaiser close in on a Missouri Western running back on Saturday afternoon. The defense helped push the Bearcats to a 31-13 win over Western after starting quarterback Josh Lamberson went down with an injury.

'Cats not ignoring winless Bulldogs

By JEROME BOETTCHER
Missourian Reporter

The season is not over for the Bearcats.

Though they have lost their starting quarterback they have not lost hope heading into this weekend's game against Truman State.

"We have to guard against that, because we got a team," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "We got 117 other guys out there that are healthy. We got (Truman) to get ready for (Saturday)."

Starting quarterback Josh Lamberson suffered a hip injury in Saturday's game against Missouri Western and is out for the season. The Bearcats dealt with this last year, too. Lamberson went out in the Missouri Western game and wasn't in the last two games before Pittsburg State. The team will face Southwest Baptist after Truman State. Truman and Southwest's combined records are a disappointing 2-14.

"Truman and Southwest Baptist's records aren't as good this year but they are still going to play us tough," center Jordan Wilcox said. "Especially since Truman is the Hickory Stick game, that's always a tough game for us. They always come to play."

Much is on the line against Truman State. Not only is it the Bulldogs' Homecoming and Hall of Fame induction, but the Old

Hickory Stick is also up for grabs. Dating back to the 1930, Old Hickory Stick is the oldest Division II trophy game, only changing hands between Truman and Northwest. The Bulldogs lead the series 54-25-4, but the Bearcats have won the past seven out of eight matchups, losing to Truman in Maryville in 2001. The last time the Bearcats lost in Kirksville was 1994.

Northwest will bring in a perfect 8-0 and are ranked No. 3 in the nation. It is the highest ranking Northwest has received since Nov. 18, 2000. Truman sits at 0-8 on the season but the Bearcats know they are still a threat.

"We always have a tough time at Truman, they are a tough team," Tjeerdsma said.

Tjeerdsma has confidence in Lamberson's replacement, Josh Mathews, especially with the fact that they have a two-week gap between now and when they play Pittsburg State.

"It gives us a chance to maybe settle in a little bit and get a little bit more confidence," Tjeerdsma said. "Our game planning will be a little different, obviously, with a different quarterback."

The Bearcats offense has man-

aged to beat every opponent they face by at least 18 points. Truman brings in an offense that is averaging 301.1 yards per game while Northwest's offense is averaging 500.2 yards per game. Truman's defense is allowing 495.2 yards per game while Northwest's defense is only allowing 291.9 yards per game.

Mathews plans to get as much information from Lamberson as he can.

"(He) and I have a good relationship already but it's about to be a lot better," Mathews said after Saturday's game.

Mathews hopes to keep that high octane offense going as he starts for the Bearcats at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Spokes Stadium in Kirksville

Saturday's Box Score
NORTHWEST 31, WESTERN 13

Missouri Western.... 0 0 0 13 - 13
NW Missouri State... 14 3 7 7 - 31

Scoring Summary:

NWMSU - Omon 2 run
(Luis Berlanga kick)
NWMSU - Omon 10 run
(Berlanga kick)
NWMSU - Berlanga 29 field goal
NWMSU - Troy Tysdahl 45 interception return (Berlanga kick)
NWMSU - Jamaica Rector 9 pass from Josh Mathews (Berlanga kick)
MWSC - Jon Schoonover 2 pass from Kyle Westerberg (Michael Cooper kick)
MWSC - Cooper 1 run
(Cooper pass failed)



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Mathews helps lead Bearcats in victory over rival Western

Mathews of his No. 3 quarterback status. "I'll definitely spend a lot more time this week in the film room watching tape with the coaches."

The freshman made the most of his opportunity, completing a 21-yard pass to wide receiver Jamaica Rector on his second attempt of the game.

"That drive was so important," Tjeerdsma said. "It did so much for his confidence and for the whole team's confidence for us to go out and score on that same drive."

The 'Cats scored on a 10-yard run by Xavier Omon.

Omon led the Bearcats rushing for 129 yards on 28 carries.

Mathews continued to roll with the offense leading them to a 31-0 lead over Western.

It wasn't until the fourth quarter that the Griffons got on the board.

Early in the third quarter it appeared that Northwest might be in the position to let up a touchdown, but near midfield, senior linebacker Troy Tysdahl batted down a pass and returned it 45 yards for a score.

Mathews was 16-28 passing for 149 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

Lost in the shuffle on Saturday's game was another milestone by Rector.

He became only the seventh receiver in NCAA Division II history to surpass the 4,000 receiving yard mark.

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- 1 Pittsburg State (8-0)
- 2 Texas A&M-Kingsville (6-0)
- 3 Northwest Missouri (8-0)
- 4 Valdosta State (6-1)
- 5 Albany State (7-0)
- 6 North Dakota (6-1)
- 7 Central Oklahoma (7-1)
- 8 Grand Valley (6-1)
- 9 East Stroudsburg (7-0)
- 10 Winona State (7-1)
- 11 Michigan Tech (7-0)
- 12 Catawba (6-1)
- 13 Colorado Mines (8-0)
- 14 Arkansas Tech (7-0)
- 15 St. Cloud State (7-1)
- 16 Northwood (7-1)
- 17 Shippensburg (7-1)
- 18 Saginaw Valley (5-2)
- 19 Carson-Newman (5-2)
- 20 Wingate (7-1)
- 21 South Dakota (7-1)
- 22 Bentley (6-1)
- 23 North Alabama (5-2)
- 24 East Central (5-2)
- 25 Tuskegee (5-1)



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Lamberson made an appearance at Justin Wilmes' birthday party last April. After receiving an invitation from Wilmes, he arrived at the party with receiver Morris White.

Fan devotion to Lamberson shows

There was an equal amount of surprise between both of them when Lamberson, along with wide receiver Morris White, showed up at the party.

"Sure enough, Josh showed up with an autographed poster for him and stayed and hung around a dozen kindergartners," Dee Dee said.

Twelve-year-old Tyler Greeley can relate to the feelings Justin felt last April.

Last Thursday, Greeley celebrated his birthday. After having a party with his friends a week earlier, he assumed his birthday celebration was over.

That evening there was a knock at the door.

"I heard someone knock on the door and my mom told me to answer it," Tyler said. "Josh was standing there and just thought to myself, 'Oh my gosh, what is he doing here?'"

Tyler's father Gary had asked Josh earlier in the week to come visit him on his special day.

"Josh is a tremendous individual," Tjeerdsma said. "He exemplifies what you would want in a student-athlete. Being one of the faces of the team that everyone sees, he just goes and acts as a role model."

Lamberson tries to act also as a friend for the youth.

"He does a great job at being a role model for these kids and gives them something to look up to," Tyler's mother Becky Greeley said. "He always talks to them anytime he sees



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBIN

Josh Lamberson talks to kids who attend a local football camp earlier in the season.

them. That is one of the nice things about him, he doesn't exclude anyone at all. He might be talking to friends or parents, but he always makes time for them."

Fellow Bearcats notice his efforts to make the kids realize they are valued as well.

"He is a really good guy," Jordan Wilcox said. "I know last week he went to a kid's birthday. He just tries to go out and be a part of the community."

It just so happened that one of the few games Tyler has missed all season was Saturday's game against Western.

Even though Tyler wasn't at Saturday when Lamberson was injured, his mother is sure the going to stick out in his mind.

"Whether my son becomes a quarterback or not, he is always going to remember the guy who inspired him at his birthday party. The great role model he was for me," Becky Greeley said.



The Breakdown

-Inside the Northwest vs. Truman matchup

When Northwest passes

Even without starting quarterback Josh Lamberson, the Northwest offense still has weapons when it comes to the passing attack. Don't be fooled, Jamaica Rector will find a way to get the ball in his hands and, when he does, exploit the Bulldogs' secondary.
Advantage: Northwest

When Truman passes

The Bulldogs are near the middle of the pack when it comes to throwing the ball. That may be their only chance to move the ball on the stingy Northwest defense, that is if they get the time to throw.
Advantage: Northwest

When Northwest runs

Northwest has one of the most successful running games it has had in years. That mixed with the fact Truman is giving up nearly 300 yards per carry could mean Xavier Omon is going to have a big day in the backfield.
Advantage: Northwest

When Truman runs

Truman is seated squarely at the bottom of the rushing charts, rushing for just 71.2 yards per game. It looks as though Truman may have trouble moving the ball on the Northwest defense.
Advantage: Northwest

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Grosse fitting in as only senior on young team

her athletic abilities.

"As an athlete she has more potential than she realizes," Lorek said of Grosse. "I feel that she doesn't expect enough from herself."

As a team Lorek knows that Grosse and the rest of the team are right where they need to be for this meet.

"The season has gone well," Lorek said. "I am sure that the women are not only ready for this weekend, but are ready for Regionals in two weeks."

Grosse was worried at first with a new coach coming in this season.

"I was nervous having someone new coming in," Grosse said of Lorek. "But he has done phenomenal things for the team, and has gone beyond my expectation."

Unlike in the past, Lorek works out and runs alongside the women during practice.

"It's very encouraging having him out there with us," Grosse said. "It's not like in the past where the coaches are driving their car behind us and coaching us that way."



Grosse, along with her teammates, stays positive, even during negative situations. Junior Heather Brokaw was out with an injury their last meet, but the women didn't let that affect their performance.

"I think it's easy to stay positive when everyone else around you is positive too," Grosse said.

Every year the women have been reluctant enough to have a strong freshman join the team. Grosse was strong her freshman year, and this year it's Karah Spader.

"Karah is doing awesome," Grosse said of her teammate. "She's a vital part of the team and she's helping us get to where we need to be."

The women are a tight team and supportive of one another. They encourage each other, not just physically, but emotional and spiritually as well. Although they are together Monday through Friday for an hour and a half, they also spend time with each other outside of practice.

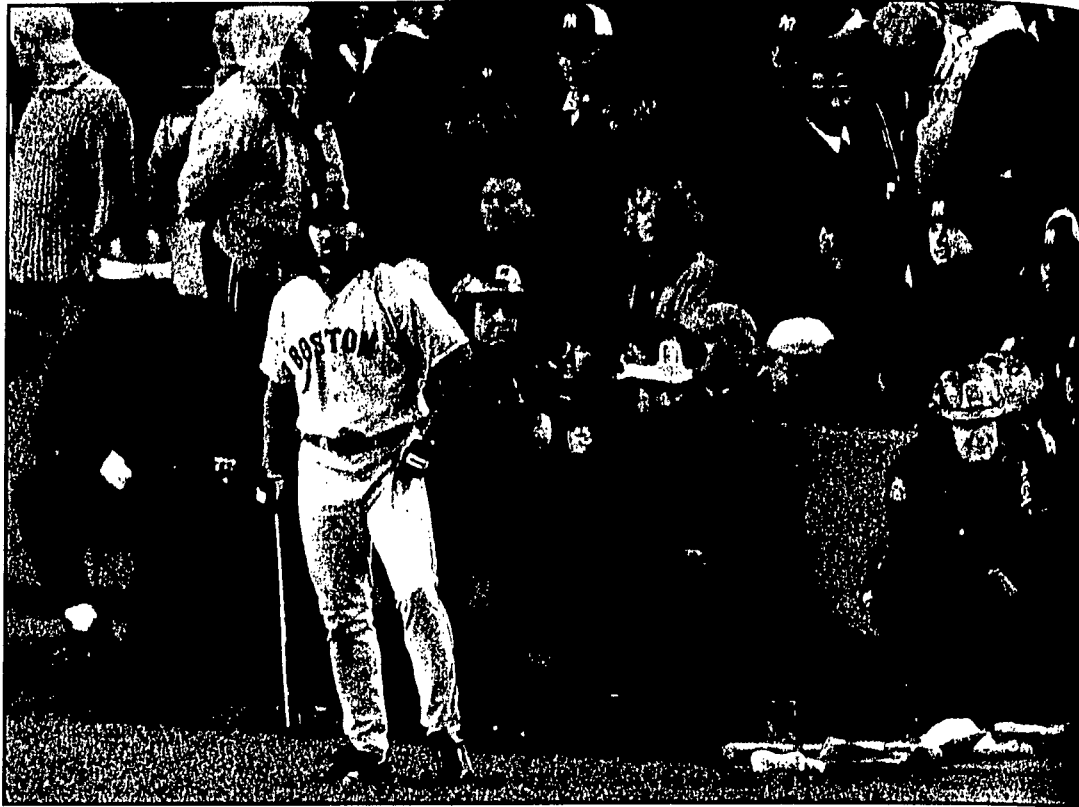
"We have one day off out of the week," Grosse said. "But we see each other every day of the week, even when we don't have to."

With the meet held in Maryville, Grosse hopes for a large crowd.

"It should help being a home meet that there will be a strong student turnout," Grosse said of the MIAA meet. "It's always nice to see people you know along the sidelines cheering you on."

The meet will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Mozingo Gold Course in Maryville. Regionals will then be on Nov. 6, in Joplin, Mo.

Baseball's greatest rivalry heats up



Boston Red Sox centerfielder Johnny Damon waits on the on-deck circle as New York City Police officers control the fans at Yankee Stadium during Game 6 of the ALCS. A controversial call against the Yankees led the police to provide security late in the game.

Bearcats blow past Griffons

By ANDY TIMKO
Chief Reporter

The Bearcat volleyball team pulled off a big win on Fear Factor Night against conference rival Missouri Western in four games (22-30, 30-25, 30-27, 30-23).

"Any win that we can take is great," Head Coach Lori Slight said. "I was a little nervous at the end of game four. We didn't finish to win and that's the difference between a good team and a great team."

After starting slow in game one, the 'Cats, led by sophomore Mackenzie Heston, picked up the pace in games two and three and then shut the Griffons down in game four.

"We're just one of those teams that takes a little while to get going," Lauren Cummings said. "We can't do that, we need to win more of the first games."

During the break between games two and three, students competed for a 27-inch television set during Fear Factor. Fans were entertained by a rendition of Marilyn Monroe's song "Happy Birthday Mr. President," sung by Jason Wayman. Fans then watched as Elena Fain chugged a "Fear Factor Shake," consisting of prune juice, sardines, pineapple, hot sauce, ranch dressing and tapioca pudding in 12 seconds.

Cummings led the team with 24.5 points and two solo blocks while tying with Heston for block assists. Sarah Trowbridge had 18 digs, Steph Suntken had 2 service aces and Katie Stilwell had 58 assists.

Losses to two conference opponents ranked in the Top 25 teams in Division II volleyball extended the 'Cats losing streak to three games.



PHOTO BY EMILY JACKSON/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior Allison Hyland goes up for a spike against Missouri Western on Wednesday night. The Bearcats defeated Missouri Western at home in four matches.

The Bearcats traveled to Topeka, Kan. Friday night to face off against No. 15 Washburn who proved to be too much for the 'Cats as they lost in three games (25-30, 27-30, 20-30) earlier this season when they met.

"I think we did very well with Washburn in the first two games," Slight said. "Washburn has three outstanding seniors, and we held them all below .200 hitting, but they played a good defensive game, put the ball back on our side and at times we mishandled it and that's the game."

Saturday's matchup against Central Missouri State didn't prove to be fruitful either as the Jennies beat

the 'Cats (17-30, 22-30, 25-30).

"Even though the scores didn't show it we had some good runs," Slight said. "It was a great match, it was just a matter of not executing right when we needed to. When we needed to get a kill, we got an error."

Individual leaders over the weekend were Allison Hyland with 22.5 points, Cummings with 10 blocks and 2 service aces and Stilwell with 64 assists.

The 'Cats are back in action against No. 3 Truman State at 5 p.m. Saturday in Kirksville before heading south to face the Pittsburg State Gorillas at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Pittsburg, Kan.

'Cats drop seventh straight

By KRISTINE HOTOP
Missourian Reporter

An unfortunate overtime game was on the menu for Northwest soccer with a 4-3 loss against Washburn on Friday.

Freshman Krista Obley brought the 'Cats to an early lead with her second goal of the season in the 10th minute.

Washburn found the net mid-game and four minutes later sophomore Beth Gutschenritter answered back with a goal assisted by senior Heather Kolbo at the 32-minute mark.

Sophomore Jamie Campbell finished off the half after connecting with a corner kick from freshman Brittany Cash, putting the 'Cats ahead 3-1.

Breaking into the second half, Washburn quickly retaliated by putting away two goals in the 46th and 49th minutes, bringing the game to

a tie and yet another overtime match. Washburn ended the game six minutes into the first overtime period off their own corner kick.

"It was disappointing to have a 3-1 lead at half, which is usually a good lead, and give up two goals in a space of three minutes. It killed our momentum," head coach Tracy Cross said. "We also misinterpreted the winning goal from a direct kick; we know not to, but we led out too early."

Cross and the team have had their share of overtimes with negative results and believes this loss could have been prevented. The conditions for Friday's game played a major part in the outcome. The girls had to deal with lowering temperature and a windy game.

"We had the majority of ball possession in the second half, but it

made it hard having the wind on us. On the winning goal they brought the ball out, then right in again," Cross said. "But without the wind, we had two that cost the game."

The 'Cats get back on the track on Missouri-Rolla Friday as the team came out of the last game defeating Missouri-Rolla 2-1.

"We have to always expect it's tough, but we need to pick away game," Cross said. "We're the better team, if only limit our errors."

The girls turn back around to another road game to play Southeast Baptist Saturday.

"They are a strong team and on to tie Truman 1-1, who is no. 2 in the country," Cross said. "Playing [Southwest] is just a battle for a game."

Sports In Brief

Equestrian Results

The Northwest equestrian team fared well Oct. 8 at the Kansas State show.

Amanda Back (6th), Jennifer Bauer (4th) and Becca Murphy (2nd and 4th) all competed in the intermediate division.

Chelsea Bouchard (2nd), Kari Kern (6th and 7th), Janna Lienimann (4th) and Carly Spydell-Smith (4th and 6th) all competed in the novice division.

Sam Dingfelder and Tonya Kirkpatrick competed in the event.

Northwest Tennis

Two Northwest tennis players traveled to the 2004 Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) National Small College Championships last weekend in Fort Meyer, Fla.

Gena Lindsay and Erica Ramirez played doubles after winning the regional tournament earlier in the season. In addition, Lindsay played singles.

In singles action, Lindsay was defeated by Yuliya Kuznets of Lewis, 6-0, 6-0 on Thursday.

Then, Daria Segenchuk of East Central notched a 6-4, 6-2 Friday victory over Lindsay before she took home a 6-4, 6-1 win against Annika Biro (Valdosta State) in the 7th-place match on Saturday.

In doubles action, Lindsay and Ramirez first dropped a straight set match on Thursday (6-0, 6-3) to Victoria Weltz and Andrea Kosticova from Lynn.

Later in the day, the Bearcat teammates lost 1-6, 6-4, 11-9 to Stephanie Eckhart and Katie Opilo of Millersville. Competition was finalized when Tarleton State's Lauren Barzilla and Alicia Cummings defeated the Northwest duo 7-5, 6-4 Friday in the 7th-place match.

The squad will not be back in action again until they open their spring season next semester.

-Compiled by Jerome Boettcher and Cole Young

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Youthful trio come together

makes it easier in a running game to know your teammates' character and personality."

The sense of togetherness is what Dart adjusts to college life.

"Going to practice really helps me be myself," Dart said. "All these guys helped me feel comfortable."

The Bearcats, with only two seniors, will continue to gain experience Saturday at the MIAA Championships meet held at Mozingo Golf Course in Maryville.

The Bearcats will face very tough competition at the meet as 16 of the eight conference teams compete in the top ten of the regional ranking.

Northwest has the eighth regional ranking as of Oct. 11. Central Missouri State is ranked second, Missouri Southern is fourth, Pittsburg State fifth, Truman State sixth and Pittsburg State 10th.

Northwest Ford - Lincoln Mercury's Spotlight Player

Senior Troy Tysdahl scored a touchdown after intercepting a pass and sprinting 45 yards for a touchdown against Western last Saturday.

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Early struggles turn to district triumph

By BETH MEYER
Missourian Reporter

The Maryville softball team had struggles in the 2004 season, but managed to peak when it counted.

The Spoofhounds led the season with a record and a District 16 championship, second in school history.



"Winning districts is the high point of the season," coach Kathy Blackney said. "We defeated two teams that had beaten us in both previous meetings."

The 'Hounds defeated Lafayette and Chillicothe to claim the title, and the Kearney Bulldogs in final action.

Blackney credited the slow start to injuries and inexperience of the Hounds.

Our 9-14 season record is a result of injuries to key players and inexperience of our young team," Blackney said.

The 'Hounds graduate six seniors from the squad, and Blackney knows they will be hard to replace.

The girls worked very hard all season and did improve in many areas," Blackney said. "But we will have to work even harder next year."

Senior pitcher Sarah Scott helped

lead the late season charge after battling ongoing inflammation in her right elbow. Scott's pitching abilities were limited for a large part of the season due to the injury, but she managed to pitch 81.3 innings, and ended the year with a 6-7 record. She allowed only 62 hits and 36 walks, striking out 88 while facing 386 batters.

Sophomore Caitlin Woods shared the pitching duties with Scott. Woods faced 299 batters, striking out 25, giving up only 14 walks and 67 hits. The 'Hounds were 3-5 with Woods at the mound.

While Scott and Woods led the team on the mound, it was Kristin Degase who dominated the plate for Maryville. Degase racked up a .375 average with 72 at-bats. Degase hit 26 singles and 1 double on the year, also bringing in six RBIs and scoring 19 runs for the 'Hounds.

Sophomores Kendra Coulter and Megan Watkins were also a force at the plate, recording 22 and 17 hits, respectively. Watkins brought in 10 RBIs, while both scored 12 runs for Maryville.

Other players having a strong season at the plate were Scott with 15 singles and one home run. Dana Demott added 16 hits and 11 runs scored and freshman Jordan Gadbois earned 14 hits and brought in 12 RBIs on the season.



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Senior wide receiver Syd Brisbane knocks over a Benton defender in his way to scoring a touchdown Friday night against the Benton Cardinals. Brisbane had over 100 receiving yards.

Maryville focusing on Warriors before Pirates

By JEROME BOETTCHER
Assistant Sports Editor

Maryville's biggest challenge this week is not to overlook Smithville.

With the conference and district titles on the line next week against Platte County, it's easy for the Spoofhound football team to look past Smithville.

"From this time until next Friday night at this time, we're not going to talk about Platte County again," said head coach Paul Miller. "It's nothing but Smithville. We have to remain focused on that and take one game at a time. I really believe our kids will do that because they have done that all season."

Since Platte County beat Chillicothe on Friday night, Maryville and Platte County both only have one loss during conference play. That means if Maryville beats Smithville and Savannah loses to Platte County Friday, both the conference and district championships could come down to next Friday's game.

But the 'Hounds have to beat Smithville first. Smithville is coming off a 43-22 loss to Cameron. Smithville was tied with the Dragons 8-8 early in the second quarter until Smithville won the game in the second half.

The Warriors sit at 2-5 on the season.

Senior defensive end Keith Starr is aware of Smithville and says they

can't overlook them.

"We can't be overconfident, because they could come out strong and we could come out flat," he said.

The 'Hounds turned the ball over four times on Friday, but Miller thought the mistakes wouldn't have been there if the game was closer.

"Yeah, four turnovers are bad but I'm not sure that they're turnovers we would have had if we had been in a 21-14 ball game," Miller said. "If we have four turnovers on Friday then I'd say we have a problem, but at this point I don't think we have a problem."

The offense continues to explode, averaging 29 points per game. The 'Hounds' defense has only allowed 7.75 points per game in conference games this season.

"We have to keep working on things," Starr said. "We haven't played the pass very well and we have to work on taking advantage of third down situations."

Miller says that he thinks his team won't look past Smithville but knows it's hard when the 'Hounds have beaten them so much in the past.

"It's one of those situations where you just have to go out and play every game with the same kind of focus," Miller said. "That's what we have tried to do all year long, it doesn't matter who we're playing, we've got to execute our offense, we have to execute our defense and hopefully we can get the job done."

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Wilmes speeds past Benton Cardinals

third quarter.

"Minus the turnovers, we played a great game," coach Paul Miller said. "Josh (Wilmes) wants to win so badly that he tries to take the world on his shoulders."

Each team would go onto score once more in the third quarter as the 'Hounds won 36-14. Their record is now 4-2 heading into district play.

The 'Hounds dominated the game, but they were not perfect. Wilmes threw three interceptions and the

'Hounds fumbled three times, but recovered the ball two of the three times.

With Platte County beating Chillicothe on Friday night it appears as though it will all come down to Maryville against Platte County, but the 'Hounds are not looking past this week's game.

"Everything is going to be rolled up into that Platte County game, but from this moment until we walk off the field next Friday night, it's all about Smithville," Miller said.

Second victory escapes 'Hounds

By SETH HERROLD
Missourian Reporter

It looked like the 'Hounds soccer team would pull off their second victory of the season Tuesday, but, visions of victory were put on hold.

With only 20 seconds left in regulation, a LeBlond striker put in a header over Maryville goalkeeper Ky Hill, tying the game at 2-2 as regulation ended.

Both teams fought hard, but came up empty in the first 10-minute overtime.

The second and final overtime was more of the same, and the game ended 2-2 after 100 minutes of play.

"We met all the LeBlond challenges today," coach Stuart Collins said. "We lost to LeBlond 6-1 earlier this year, we are really progressing a lot."



The 'Hounds jumped out early when Victor Muro hit Nic Zweifel for the first goal of the game. The

'Hounds were relentless in the first half and soon struck again on a goal by Dylan Cloepfil. Muro had the assist, giving him two on the day. The 'Hounds would take the 2-0 lead into the half.

The second half started very defensively as neither team was able to score at the 20-minute mark, however, LeBlond found the net for the first time, cutting the lead to one.

The tie was the first of the year for the 'Hounds, and it moved their record to 1-16-1. The Spoofhounds will honor the seniors tonight between the Varsity and JV games. Action starts at 4 p.m. at Donaldson Park in Maryville.

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Smithville takes setters in two sets, districts up next

By MEGAN CRAWFORD
Missourian Reporter

Heading into districts, the high school volleyball team looks back upon their season with lessons learned.

"We have a problem with starting off games by losing points right away," Coach Heather Stoecklein said. "If we just focus on what we do well and play from the beginning of the game, we should have a good chance to go on at districts and reach our goal of winning districts."

Senior night gave the Maryville Spoofhounds a thrilling win with an extra boost of momentum on the court Monday.

Maryville only took two matches to beat Fairfax. Scores were 25-20 and 25-8.

An injury in the second match put junior Jessica Kemper on the bench for the rest of the night.

Late in the third match, after a collision with Mallory Herring, Kemper was seated and iced after complaining of pain in her forearm. Stoecklein said on Tuesday that the x-rays came out fine and that it was just a sprain of the elbow. She should be okay to play by the first game of districts on Tuesday.

With only nine players on the varsity bench Stoecklein said that she couldn't afford to lose any of her players and especially not right before districts. It would have been very hard to play as well as they could with a sudden change in the lineup.

The 'Hounds faced off against the Fairfax Bulldogs on Monday.

"The team played so much better," Stoecklein said. "The girls were playing better, moving and talking. It was also nice to end the game with six seniors out on the court."

The first match started off with the team still too wound up in the excitement of their last home game of the season Stoecklein stated. The second match of the game started off at a much faster pace and the 'Hounds brought in a major win.

"The team really wanted to win," Stoecklein said. "It was the last game on the home court. They finally settled down in the second game and brought in an amazing win."

Monday's uplifting win didn't quite prepare the 'Hounds for Tuesday night's match against Smithville.

Being the last game of the season, the team had high hopes of beating their opponent in the last game. Maryville couldn't pull it off and they were defeated in two matches.

Game scores were 24-26 and 18-25. "The team played really good in the first match," said Stoecklein. "They just couldn't finish."

Christy Chapman had nine digs. Molly Howell had nine digs and 14 assists. Mallory Herring had six kills. Kim Wolfer had four kills.

The seniors on the team have led the way for the underclassmen on the team. Stoecklein said that Herring has been a good force in both the front and back row, that Sarah Welch is a good passer and server and an all around good player. Howell has also been a good setter and Wolfer has dominated at the net.

"The seniors are very dedicated," Stoecklein said. "They love the game of volleyball and set a good foundation for the future team. They went to all the camps and did what needed to be done in order to compete in volleyball."

With a week off before districts, Stoecklein plans to use the rest of the week as good practice time to watch tape and perfect some of the small problems that the team has been having.

At 6 p.m. Tuesday Maryville will compete in their first game of districts at Benton against the winner of the Chillicothe/Benton game.

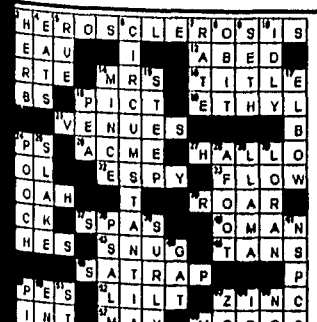
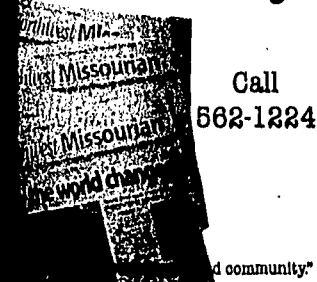
The 'Hounds have beat Benton twice this season and lost to Chillicothe in two three-match games.

"We need to step up and focus on what we do well," Stoecklein said. "We always take Chillicothe to three games and if we can just take them in the very beginning then we should be fine."

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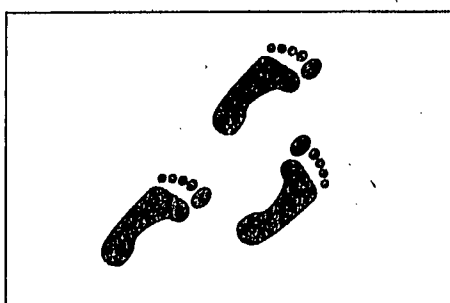
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These all sound like great things and certainly nothing to complain about, but with the education budget cuts, a sluggish economy and fewer private donors, the campus is looking to the students to help foot the bill. Don't be shocked next year if your tuition rises by 10 percent or more and little things like parking permits and technology fees start be-



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coming ridiculous.

Dean Hubbard and his drones will do anything to make the school money and have no problem looking to the student body to do so. If they had it their way, they would push out every lower-middle class student in favor of someone willing to pay \$12,000 for in-state tuition.

This isn't what Northwest has ever been about. For years, it was the best-kept secret in the Midwest. It was a place where the not-so-wealthy could go and still obtain a great education.

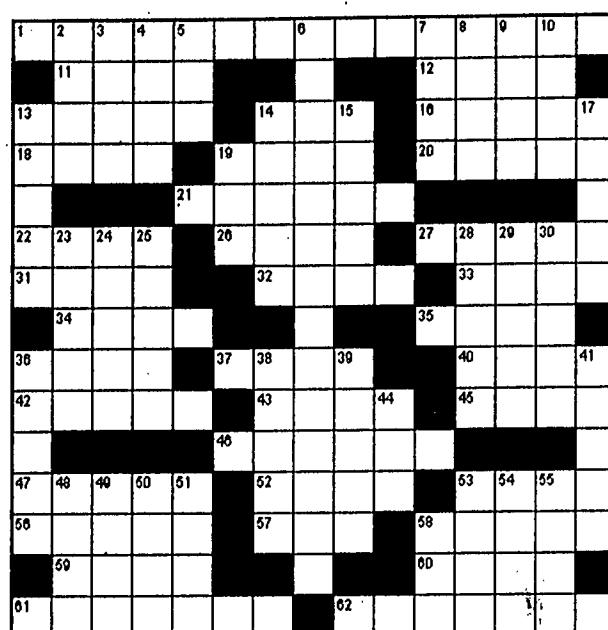
It was about the students and the community. Now, it's all about the cash. Hubbard is so concerned with making money that he'll continue to make cosmetic changes in the hope of drawing richer students and deep-pocket donors.

Meanwhile, teachers could still use a much-needed pay raise, departments need upgraded equipment and students could use a tuition break. None of this seems to bother Hubbard as he continues to pursue construction plans for 2006-2007.

Hubbard should work on one building at a time instead of all at once. Dorms like Dieterich and Millikan still have several years left in which they could be used. If Hubbard would invest in the people of this University the same way he has the buildings, I think he would see how great this institution could really be.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

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Above

1. Arterial plaque deposit
11. Sweetheart
12. In bed
13. Menu
14. Married woman
16. Name
18. Globes
19. Ancient North Briton
20. Anti-knock fluid
21. Where events are held
22. Drinks slowly
26. Peak
27. Shout of greeting
31. Implement
32. Catch sight

33. Move along in a stream
34. Ark builder
35. Laugh loudly
36. Select
37. Health resorts
40. Middle Eastern monarchy
42. Pains
43. Cozy
45. Makes brown
46. Subordinate ruler
47. Ribbons
52. Rhythmic swing
53. Bluish

- white metallic element
56. Penniless
57. Fifth month
58. A West Coast American Indian people
59. Car race
60. Soon
61. One's own person
62. A European customs union

Down

2. Ski-tow bar
3. Aromatic plant
4. Consumes
5. Regret
6. Pertaining to circumstances
7. Charge per unit
8. Notice of death
9. Third son of Adam
10. Indolently
13. Seashore
14. Chop into small pieces
15. Precipitous
17. Arm joint
19. Seed of a legume
23. Grecian architectural style
24. Dog
25. Quench
28. Astir
29. South American ruminant
30. Navigation system
36. Trousers
38. Sacred song
39. Bad-tempered
41. Child cruelty prevention organization
44. Pistol
48. Related by blood
49. Yearn deeply
50. Finishes
51. Eye infection
53. Sector
54. Image of a deity
55. Not upper class
58. Adult male

See answers below

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■ In 1893, Milwaukee's Pabst beer won a blue ribbon at the Chicago Fair. It was sold there as Pabst Blue Ribbon beer.

■ In Irish pubs, inexperienced travelers who to order a small glass of beer should know to request "a beer please" in Irish; they'll get a full one.

■ In medieval England, beer was often served as breakfast.

■ Beer was not in bottles until 1895. Before then, a person went to a local tavern to get a bucket or pot made specially holding beer, filled, and then carried it home.

■ Of all the brewing nations, England remains the only one in which ale is the primary beer consumed. It contrasts to lagers, which is the overall dominant beer style. Useless knowledge.

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